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Letter dated 3 September 2010 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation, adopted at the ICAPP (International Conference of Asian Political Parties) Conference on Poverty Alleviation, which was held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, from 13 to 18 July 2010 (see annex). The conference aims at sharing experience in poverty alleviation, promoting practical cooperation among political parties in Asia, and raising international awareness of the global development agenda. The conference is an important contribution to the United Nations High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals to be held from 20 to 22 September 2010.

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly under item 117 of the provisional agenda.

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Kunming Declaration on Poverty Alleviation

We, the leaders and representatives of 55 political parties from 28 countries in Asia and the Pacific, together with observers from several African political parties and international organizations such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA), gathered at the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) Conference on Poverty Alleviation held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, under the auspices of the Communist Party of China (CPC) from 13 to 18 July 2010.

We emphasize that poverty alleviation and common development signify a lofty dream of humankind, are the shared responsibility of the international community, deserve high priority in Asian and other developing countries in the world, and represent an historical mission for political parties around the world. We express our strong support for the efforts led by the United Nations to accelerate progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

We appeal to all political parties, Governments, parliaments, NGOs, civil society organizations and the international community to pursue the MDGs with single-minded determination to alleviate poverty. Reflecting the diversity of Asia, delegates exchanged ideas, experiences and discussed innovative undertakings in pursuit of the goal of poverty alleviation, including an *Asian Anti-Poverty Fund*, an *Asian Micro-Finance Fund*, and relevant proposals approved by the United Nations, such as debt swaps for financing the MDGs. The meeting also lauded international cooperation in the field of development and poverty reduction, as well as debt relief undertaken by several nations.

We express our admiration for China's success in lifting hundreds of millions of people out of poverty within the span of a generation. This is a unique economic and social achievement in human history, for which the Communist Party of China and its wise leadership deserve due credit.

Finally, we express our appreciation to His Excellency, Mr. Hu Jintao, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee and President of the People's Republic of China, and His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, for their gracious messages of congratulations to the Conference. We express our most sincere gratitude to the leaders of the Communist Party of China and the Government of the People's Republic of China for hosting this historic Conference. We also thank the government and the people of Yunnan Province for their support and warm hospitality.

Adopted on 18 July 2010, in Kunming, China